

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend paragraph [0025], with the following amended paragraph:

[0025] In Fig. 4, the cover assembly 20 is shown with stowage cover 12 in a position between the covering position and the stored position. Convertible top storage area 23 is visible beneath stowage cover 12. Latch striker 22 is visible beneath intermediate panel 18. The automatic latches on the vehicle body (not visible) have been actuated so as to release the latch strikers on the intermediate panel (while the latch strikers 16 on trunk lid 17 are latched to automatic latches 15 on intermediate panel 18). Thus, in Fig. 3 4, the trunk lid 17 is latched to the intermediate panel 18, and the intermediate panel 18 is unlatched from vehicle 10. Accordingly, when hydraulic cylinders 21 open the trunk lid 17, intermediate panel 18 moves, together with trunk lid 17, away from the vehicle body. Because the stowage cover 12 is connected to intermediate panel 18 by a connecting apparatus (in the form of goose neck hinges 24 shown in Fig. 6), the stowage cover 12 moves together with the intermediate panel 18 and trunk lid 17 away from the convertible top stowage area 23 of vehicle 10.

Please amend paragraph [0026], with the following amended paragraph:

[0026] In Fig. 5, the trunk lid 17 is in a position further approaching the fully opened position. At this position, in the embodiment shown, the side members 14 of the stowage cover 12, which are connected to the middle member 13 by hinges, begin to fold downward relative to the middle member 13. The folding can be accomplished automatically, for example by use of two electric motors 31 mounted to the middle member 13.

Please amend paragraph [0027], with the following amended paragraph:

[0027] In Fig. 6, the trunk lid 17 is in its fully opened position. Side members 14 of stowage cover 12 have rotated about their hinges and the stowage cover 12 is closer to being folded. In addition, connection apparatus (in the form of goose neck hinges 24) have guided the stowage cover 12 in a rotational movement relative to the intermediate panel 18. The rotational movement of the stowage cover relative to the intermediate panel 18 may be accomplished, for example, with the use of an electric motor 33 mounted to the intermediate panel. The underside

of the automatic latches 15, which latch the trunk 17 to the intermediate panel 18 are visible in this position, as is latch striker 22 on intermediate panel 18, which may be latched to automatic latches on the body of the vehicle 10 to keep the intermediate panel 18 attached to the vehicle body (for example, when the stowage cover is in its covering position).

Please amend paragraph [0029], with the following amended paragraph:

[0029] In Fig. 8, the stowage cover 17 has moved to its stored position adjacent to the trunk lid and center panel where it is securely latched to into place. The ~~trunk~~ trunk lid 17 and intermediate panel 12 have moved toward a closed position. The convertible top 28 is shown in its full up position. The trunk lid is still functional with the convertible top up. The stowage cover 12, which is folded and securely latched adjacent the trunk lid 17 using latch 32 and intermediate panel 18, takes up a minimum of space, leaving most of the storage space in the trunk available.